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A PERSONAL NOTE: Since the last issue Karen and I went to the Bahamas to attend the wedding of her son, Evan, and Shari Johnson. Some of you may remember Evan. He attended a few of our conventions and helped me at the dealers table. They are living in Chicago. We also visited my son Craig and his wife, Kim, and my new granddaughter, Angela Clare. They live in Peculiar, Missouri. My daughter, Robin has her hands full with her 3 sons, Jacob, Lucas and Caleb. Karen's daughter, Elisa is in her last year of Veterinary School at Ohio State.

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation. The second supplement to the Revised Ultimate History is available for \$5.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. It is the longest yet. Supplement #1 and #2 are \$10.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book including both supplements is \$54 plus \$4 P&H.

CONVENTION 1999: The dates are October 21 – 24 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark. Thursday is now a half day with dealers starting around 12 noon. There is also a dinner with after dinner activities as before. We are also having a Sunday morning breakfast with a panel from about 8 am to 10 am.

SCRIPT WRITING CONTEST:

The **Sixth** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which must be based on any of the great radio programs of the past, such as The Shadow, Jack Benny, etc. The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped.

The prize for the best script will be \$150 and will have its live performance at our 2000 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. You can direct it if you wish. There will be some rehearsal time. Scripts must be submitted by **September 1, 1999**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (908) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, Jr, Donald Dortmund and Joel Senter. This year's winner was Arlene Osborne.

Will all clubs with newsletters print the above in order to give everyone a chance?

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Mar; the new editor is Patrick Lucanio; articles about 4 soap operas; You Bet Your Life...Apr; articles about Captain Midnight; lunch with Carlton E Morse...May; 17 missing episodes of Cavalcade of America...**Radio Recall**, Apr; articles about After Audio Tape, What?; Canadian OTR Tapes; Earliest OTR in Existence; Bowery Boys on radio...**Jot 'em down Journal**, Apr; Plans ARE underway for their 1999 convention June 25 and 26 at Lime Tree Inn, Arkansas...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Mar – Apr; article about OTR on the Internet...**Return With Us Now**, Apr; article about Radio Soap Operas...May; article about Radio Soap Operas, Part 2...**Galaxy Patrol Fan Club Space-O-Gram**, Mar; more information on Science fiction on radio, television and other media...**RLL on the Air**; articles about Will Rogers; William Conrad...**The Times of Kate Smith**, Spring; a must for Kate Smith fans. The first 30 songs recorded by KS are available on cassette, remastered. All 78's will eventually be put on cassette. For the first 30 write Richard Hayes, 92 Chellis Rd, West Newfield, ME 04095. Cost is \$8.00...**Illustrated Press**, Apr; article about Jack Berch...May; article about Bride and Groom...**Tradition**, Mar – Apr; articles about Patsy Montana; Jett Williams; Gene Autry; Little Jimmie Dickens; Dick Reinhart...May – Jun; articles about Gene Autry; Marty Robbins...**NARA News**, Spring; articles about Don Aston; Radio's Golden comedians; The Home Front during WW II; Gene Autry; Daytime Programming; Lum and Abner...**On The Air**, May – Jun; article about Helen Meeks Weyer...**OTR Digest**, Winter; article about Quiet Please...**The Horn Speaker**, May; article about Early radio and Sportscasters.

BOOKS: **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...The latest is **Humphrey Bogart** by Gerald Duchovnay. The

360-page book is \$69.50. As always, all books, movies, radio and television appearances are covered...**When the Banks Closed, We Opened Our Hearts** from Reminisce Books, 164 pages, \$19.99 plus \$2.50 P&H. To order call 1-800-558-1013 or send check to Country Store, Ste 4120, Box 990, Greendale, WI 53129. The book consists of personal memories from people who recall the Great Depression...**On the Short Waves, 1923 - 1945** by Jerome Berg; McFarland (1-800-253-2187 or 1-336-246-4460); \$42.50; 1999; 280 pages. The book covers short-wave broadcasting through World War II...**The History of The Cavalcade of America** by Martin Grams, Jr., Box 189, Delta, PA 17314. This 480+ page book contains a chronological detailed description of every show broadcast on radio and television plus much background information. Cost is \$27.95 including P&H...**So Far, So Funny** by Hal Kanter, McFarland, 1998, 320 pages (1-800-253-2187) or 336-246-4460. This is Hal Kanter's life in show business, especially as a comedy writer. Cost of book is \$35...**Anthony Tollin** is kept very busy writing the detailed information and liner notes for various cassette collection put out by Smithsonian and Radio Spirits including Old Time Radio's Greatest Westerns; Superman vs. Atom Man; Jack Benny...**The CBS Radio Mystery Theater** by Gordon Payton and Martin Grams, Jr., McFarland (1-800-253-2187) or (336-246-5018); 485 Pages, \$65. This long awaited book gives a detailed log and cast of all 2970 programs. It also contains much anecdotal information. You can also order the book from Martin himself for \$55 plus \$4 P&H until July 4th. His address is Box 189, Delta, PA 17314.

CONVENTIONS:

PEMCO/REPS Radio Showcase VII of The Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound, Jun 25 - 26, 1999, in Seattle, Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (206) 488-9518

15th National Lum and Abner Society Convention, June 25 - 26 at Lime Tree Inn, Mena Arkansas; Contact Tim Hollis, #81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062

24th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 30 - Sep 5, 1999 at Pottawattamie County Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577.

24th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 21 - 24 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

16th Annual SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 12 - 14 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles Int. Airport; For information contact Larry Gassman, Box 1163, Whittier, CA 90603 (562) 947-9800

ORGANIZATIONS: **Jim Snyder of NARA** mentions that NARA'S cassette library is now reopened with all cassettes upgraded in sound to very good or better.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. If you want to to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@broadcast.airwaves.com>...To get on Charlie Summers Old Radio Mailing list email <oldradio-request@lofcom.com>: Charlie's mailing list is a moderated one dedicated to Old Radio between the 1920's and the end of 1962. New Members include: **Herb Carlin** <Hcarlin@worldnet.att.net>...**Tom Brown** <tomabrown@msn.com>...**Gordon Kelley** is changed to <stphoom@aol.com>...**Robert Newman** <rto5@juno.com>...**Larry and John Gassman** <Lgassman@earthlink.net> and Jjgassman@earthlink.net>

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. All begin with <http://www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <otrsite.com/kneebone>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html>

LOGS: More logs written by Martin Grams, Jr. and available from me. **Famous Trails and Case Dismissed; Forecast; For This We Fight; The People Act. The 4 logs are 50 cents each**...Also written by Martin and available from me is **The World We Live In** (50 cents)...**Eric Beheim** has completely rewritten Ray Stanich's logs of **The Chicago Theater and Palmolive Beauty Box Theater**. They are available from me for \$5 for Chicago and \$2 for Palmolive.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges** <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Rainy Day Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-

3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Connor**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 608 Osborne St. SE, Atlanta, AL 35954... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...All listings below list sampling of shows.

Great American Radio; March; programs include Suspense; Freedom USA, Big Jon and Sparkie...May; programs include: Chandu; Lum and Abner; Information Please; Terry and the Pirates...**Radio Memories**; Hedda Hopper; Mercury Theater; Dark Fantasy...**Nothing's New**; More movies and TV shows on Video; Added Goldbergs on Radio...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Mar - Apr); Dantro the Planet Man; Jerry of the Circus/Fair Oaks; Father Knows Best; Goldbergs...May/June; Lum and Abner; Couple Next Door; Sherlock Holmes...**Ted Davenport (Radio Memories)** has complete revised his 500-page catalog. It is available for \$30. It is alphabetical, easy to read and has much other information written by Terry Salomonson. New series are indicated...**Travis Conner** has Rip Lawson #7 and 2 episodes of The Schooner Conquest.

NEW ADDRESSES: **Tom Monroe**, 4278 Wayne Rd., Mantua, OH 44255...**Paul Bennett**, #464 25 North, 23rd Pl Ste 6, Portland, OR 97210...**Marla Cantor**, 70-20 108th St. #4C, Forest Hills, NY 11375... **Peter Fernandez**, US Embassy - Santiago, Unit 4113, APO, AA 34033.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Suzanne Lucas** is looking for any recordings or pictures of her grandfather, **Paul Lucas**, who was on WTIC radio in Hartford and Channel 3 in Hartford...**Vic Forney**, 6201 Pontiac St., Berwyn Hts., MD 20740...**Robert Sawallesh**, 2541 Brimhollow Dr., Valrico, FL 33594 is doing research on radio cigarette advertising and radio military recruiting advertising. He would like tapes of the commercials and other information...**Tom Miller**, 414 N Wyomissing Ave., Shillington, PA 19607...**Wendell Cobb**, 3876 N 25th St., Milwaukee, WI 53206...**Baughan Roemer**, 1807 Cedar Hill Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901...**Jo Anne Verigin**, Box 128, Escalon, CA 95320.

OLD FRIENDS: **Arthur Anderson**, 13 W 13th St., New York, NY 10011 is looking for recordings of Let's Pretend (East of the Sun, West of the Moon; Alice in Wonderland; Alice Through the Looking Glass)...**Craig Chandler**, 139 Renoir Ct., Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367 has a computer restored copy of the 13 chapters available of ILAM "The Hermit of San Felipe Atabapo." It is for sale or trade...**Tom Brown**, 1402 S Kahuna Dr., Spokane, WA 99212 wants to trade Audio CD's with other collectors.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Eddie Ryan**, Dec 13; actor (Let's Pretend, Charlotte Greenwood Show)...**Ray Forrest**, Mar 11, 83; TV pioneer from 1939; junior radio announcer on NBC in 1938...**John C Wilson**, Jun 8, 86; writer (Green Hornet, Lone Ranger)...**Kirk Alyn**, Mar 14, 88; was in 2 Superman serials...**Orlandus Wilson**, Dec 30, 1998, 81; one of the founders of the Golden Gate Quartet...**Eddie Dean**, Mar 4, 91; Actor and composer (National Barn Dance)...**Myrtle Eleanor cooper**, 85; died recently (was Lulu Belle of Lulu Belle and Scotty)...**Bill Wendall**, Apr 14, 75; Radio and TV announcer and actor...**Jean Vander Pyl**, Apr 10, 79; actress (Calling all Cops; Father Know Best; Amos 'n' Andy)...**Charles (Buddy) Rogers**, Apr 21, 94; actor, singer; had own radio show off and on from 1933 through 1951...**Gordon Hughes**, Apr 19, 89; director (Girl Alone, Guiding Light, Midstream)...**Rory Calhoun**, Apr 28, 76; actor; on one Lux...**Shirley Dinsdale**, May 9, 72; ventriloquist on radio and TV.

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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Ray Erlenborn...Texaco Star Theat, Blondie
Art Gilmore...Adv. Red Ryder, Dr. Christian
Sandra Gould...Duffy's Tavern, Bewitched
Merrill Mael...Vic & Sade, Brkfast at Sardis
JoAnna March...The Second Mrs. Burton
Tyler McVey...Glamour Manor, Fibb'r McGee
Norma J. Nilsson...Father K Best, J. Carson
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Ginny Tyler...Voice work, Jack Benny Show
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